(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the effective steps being taken by the Government to broadcast such programme?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) There are 7 All India Radio Stations located in Gujarat namely, Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Bhuj, Vadodra, Godhra, Surat and Ahwa. Out of these 7 stations, Vadodra, Surat Ahwa and Godhra are located in tribal areas.

(b) to (d) The 4 stations located in tribal areas are All India Radio, Ahmedabad broadcast programmes for the promotion of the tribal culture in addition to other programmes.

Production of Iron Ore and Steel

2635. *SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT :*
SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY :
SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI :

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the details of production of iron ore and steel during 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and upto June, 1997 in the country, State-wise, plant-wise both in Public and Private Sector;

(b) the grade-wise quantity and value of iron ore and steel produced and the target fixed for its production for the current year;

(c) the total quantity of iron ore and steel exported to the various countries alongwith the details of the countries during the said period;

(d) the details of foreign exchange earned by exporting iron ore and steel;

(e) whether some more areas having iron ore reserves have been explored in the country;

(f) if so, the quantity of iron ore reserves estimated to be available therein;

(g) the details of steel projects set up at various places in the country during 1994-97 and the likely effects thereof;

(h) whether all the steel plants including Durgapur, Rourkela and Bokaro have shown a decline in production; and

(i) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to improve the production of steel ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) As reported by the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), Nagpur the Statewise, sectorwise production of iron ore in the country during 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 and April-June 1997 is enclosed in the Statement-I attached. The details of producer-wise production of finished steel for the last 4 years and upto June 1997 in the public sector and the private sector is enclosed in the Statement - II attached.

(b) As per the latest information available with IBM, the quantity and value of iron ore produced during 1996-97 was 66.67 million tonnes valued at Rs. 1415 crores, details may be seen in the Statement-III attached. After decontrol of iron and steel, the Development Commissioner for Iron & Steel assesses the domestic demand and projects the availability annually for each category of finished steel. For the year 1997-98 demand for finished steel has been estimated at 24.71 million tonnes. The item-wise details are in the Statement-IV attached.

(c) and (d) The quantity and value of exports of iron ore & steel during the last 3 years is as under :

Qty - in Million Tonnes
Value - Rs. Crores

	Iron Ore (Prov.)		*Saleable Steel*	
	Qty.	Value	Qty	Value
1994-95	31.75	1561	1.32	1238
1995-96	31.77	1782	1.50	1696
1996-97	29.65	1887	1.92	2039

While Export of Iron Ore is mainly to Japan, China, Korea, Iran, Italy, Turkey, Pakistan, Australia etc., exports of Steel is made to China, Japan, USA, Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Germany, Australia etc.

(e) The total recoverable reserve of iron ore in the country (As on 1-4-1990) was as follows :

Haematite 9602 million tonnes (All Grades)

Magnetite 3143 million tonnes (All Grades)

Because of the self sufficiency and exportable surplus status in the reserve position of iron ores, the Geological Survey of India (GSI) has diverted its resources for exploration of comodities other than iron ores since more than a decade.

However during ensuing field season 1997-98, a new item of exploration for iron ore deposits within the iron ore group (IOG) of Sundergarh and Keonjhar districts of Orissa has been programmed by GSI in keeping with one of its IX Plan priorities towards resource augmentation of exportable commodities. Another investigation of iron ores in private leasehold areas of South Goa has also been contemplated subject to sponsorship.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.

(g) According to available information, the following medium/large capacity steel plants have been set up during the period 1994-97 :

Name of the Unit	Location	Capacity (LT) (saleable steel)
1	2	3
Nova Udyog Ltd.	Nainital, UP	2.40 (closed)
Indian Seamless	Pune, Mah.	1.50
Lloyds Steel Ltd.	Wardha, Mah.	6.00
Essar Steel Ltd.	Hazira, Guj.	20.00
Jindal Strips Ltd.	Raigarh, MP	4.00
Rajendra Steel Ltd.	Raipur, MP	1.70 (under expn)
Prakash Ind. Ltd.	Bharuch, Guj.	1.20 (being shifted)

(h) No, Sir, the production of Saleable steel by all the Steel Plants of Steel Authority of Indian Ltd. (SAIL) has shown an increase in the last 3 years except Bokaro Steel Plant which has shown some decline during 1996-97.

(i) SAIL is taking steps on a continuous basis to improve its performance and sales, which include modernisation and techological upgradation of its plants, improving technoeconomic factors i.e. reduction in coke. rate, energy consumption, metallic input, improvement in yield, extensive customer contact, market oriented product-mix,, improvement in quality, long term relationship with customers, leadership in service and customer satisfaction, strict control and monitoring of operating costs, higher productivity and greater autonomy to field officers, etc.

Statement - I

State-Wise/Zone-Wise production of Iron ore in India

(In million tonnes)

Sl. No.	State/Zone	1994-95 (Prov.)	1995-96 (Prov.)	1996-97 (Prov.)	1997-98 (P) (Apr. - Jun)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Zone A				
	(i) Bihar	12.00	12.75	12.45	2.99
	(ii) Orissa	7.05	8.36	10.68	2.48
	Sub Total Zone A	19.05	21.11	23.13	5.47
2.	Zone B.				
	(i) Madhya Pradesh	15.87	17.06	16.31	3.53
	(ii) Maharashtra	0.13	0.16	0.00	0.01
	Sub Total Zone B	16.00	17.22	16.90	3.54
3.	Zone C				
	Karnataka	12.22	12.70	12.41	2.99
4.	Zone D				
	Goa	13.27	15.00	14.01	4.21

1	2	3	4	5	6
5.	Zone E				
	(i) Andhra Pradesh	0.17	0.18	0.19	0.03
	(ii) Rajasthan	0.02	0.02	0.02	—
	(iii) Haryana	0.01	0.003	0.01	—
	Sub Total Zone E	0.20	0.203	0.22	0.03
	Grand Total India	60.74	66.58	66.67	16.25
	Public Sector (%age to total production)	36.70 (60.43%)	39.50 (59.32%)	38.93 (58.39%)	9.03 (55.57%)
	Private Sector (%age to total production)	24.04 (39.57%)	27.08 (40.68%)	27.74 (41.60%)	7.22 (44.43%)

Source : IBM

Statement - II

Production of Finished Steel

(In Million Tonnes)

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 Apr-June
SAIL	6.40 (6.7%)	6.61 (3.3%)	6.88 (4.1%)	6.95 (1.4%)	7.15 (2.9%)	6.79 (-5.04%)	1.51\
IISCO	0.32 (33.3%)	0.32 (1.6%)	0.25 (-21.1%)	0.28 (11%)	0.27 (-5.0%)	0.28 (3.7%)	0.06
VSP	0.25 (1250%)	0.54 (118.6%)	0.67 (23.1%)	0.97 (45.6%)	1.34 (38.4%)	1.45 (8.2%)	0.34
TOTAL PUBLIC SECTOR	6.97 (11.3%)	7.47 (7.2%)	7.80 (11.3%)	8.20 (5.1%)	8.76 (6.8%)	8.52 (-2.7%)	1.91
TISCO	0.99 (6.5%)	0.94 (-4.8%)	0.97 (2.9%)	1.37 (41.2%)	1.83 33.6%)	2.01 (9.8%)	0.46
TOTAL MAIN PRODUCERS	7.96 (10.7%)	8.41 (5.6%)	8.77 (4.3%)	9.57 (9.3%)	10.59 (10.7%)	10.53 (-0.6%)	2.37
SECONDARY PRODUCERS	6.37 (0.5%)	6.79 (6.5%)	6.43 (-5.3%)	8.25 (28.3%)	10.81 (31.03%)	12.19 (12.8%)	2.71
TOTAL	14.33 (5.9%)	15.20 (6.1%)	15.20 (Nil)	17.82 (17.24%)	21.40 (20.12%)	22.72 (6.2%)	5.08

Figures in brackets indicate the percentage over last year/corresponding period.

Statement-III

State-Wise production of iron ore during 1996-97

Qty. in, 000 tonnes
Value in Rs. '000.

India/State	1996-97	
	Quantity	Value
Total	66669	14150170
Andhra Pradesh	188	8937
Bihar	12451	2022649
Goa	14015	2231701
Haryana	6	939
Karnataka	12408	4038403
Madhya Pradesh	16808	3517961
Maharashtra	91	7560
Orissa	20680	2320561
Rajasthan	22	1459

Statement - IV

Item-wise demand for finished steel for 1997-98

('000 tonnes)

Category	Domestic Demand
FINISHED STEEL	
(a) *Non-Flat Products*	
Bars & Rods	8100
Structurals	3000
Rly. Materials	650
Total (Non-Flat)	11750
(b) *Flat Products*	
Plates	1935
HR Coils/Skelp/Strips	5000
HR Sheets	500
CR Coils/Sheets	3350
GP/GC Sheets	1200
Electrical Sheets	230
Tinplates	300
Pipes (large dia)	450
Total (Flat)	12965
Total (Finished steel)	24715

Export of Passenger Coaches

2636. SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Railways exports the passenger coaches to diffierent countries;

(b) if so, the names of the countries to which railway coaches are exported;

(c) the number of passenger coaches exported during 1994, 1995 and 1996; country-wise; and

(d) the foreign exchange earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Passenger coaches have been exported to Taiwan, Zambia, Philippines, Tanzania, Uganda, Vietnam, Nigeria, Bangladesh and Mozambique.

(c) and (d) The number of passenger coaches exported during the last three years country-wise and the value of each order is as under :

Year	Country to which exported	Number and type of coaches	Approximate value of the order in rupee equivalent of foreign exchange (Rs. in lakhs)
1994-95	Nepal	6 (NG)	64.68
-do-	Vietnam	15 (MG)	783.20
1995-96	Nepal	12(NG)	129.36
1996-97 (Under execution)	Tanzania	27 (MG)	2300.00

Running of Special Goods Train

2637. DR. G.R. SARODE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any special goods train runs for early transportation of Bananas from Bhusawal in Central Railway to Northern India;

(b) if so, the frequency of this train per week and whether any time has been fixed as to how many runs it would take in reaching Northern India (Delhi-Lucknow); and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The frequency of the Banana Special trains depend upon availability of traffic and wagons. These trains are run as per operational convenience, thus do not have fixed schedules. However priority is given to these trains.

[English]

Technical Consultancy Services

2638. DR. M. JAGANNATH : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the programmes of CSIR laboratories regarding technological self reliance;